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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 3-14-55

WEATHER Unseasonably warm weather prevailed during the week, with a change to the cooler over the northwestern portion of the State at the close. There was no precipitation of consequence, except for snow falling in the northwestern corner of the State at the end of the week. Several days were rather windy, and high winds on two days raised considerable dust. There was some blowing of soil in the west, but most of the dust was raised from roads or dry lots in the east.

CROPS Some damage to winter wheat from the high winds last week was reported from several of the counties in the western third of the State. It appears this damage was confined largely to the wheat on light soils and wheat that did not get a good start last fall. Warm weather of the past week has stimulated growth.

Wheat in the eastern two-thirds of the State escaped injury and most of the dust was blown in from western Nebraska and adjoining states. A good general rain would be beneficial to all of Nebraska. While precipitation is above normal for the first two months of the year, there has not been sufficient moisture to penetrate deeply into the soil. Dry, windy weather has removed some of the moisture in the top soil, and the dry weather last fall and heavy growth exhausted much of the moisture in the top 18-24 inches of soil, especially in the western third of the State. It is believed that a good general rain would aid in recovery of the damaged wheat spots in western Nebraska.

There was some field work done last week in southern and western areas where the soil was dry enough. Farmers were preparing ground for seeding oats and barley and seeding was underway in some counties. Farm work is fairly well advanced and the labor supply is generally ample, with a few localities needing additional help.

LIVESTOCK Weather conditions during the past week were quite favorable for calving and farrowing. Reports on the lamb crop have been favorable and there has been a considerable increase during the past five years. Nationally, the lamb crop is about the same size as a year ago.

With few exceptions, grain feed and hay and forage are reported ample, with very few reports of shortage and considerable number reporting a surplus. Early tame grass pastures have greened and made some growth last week.

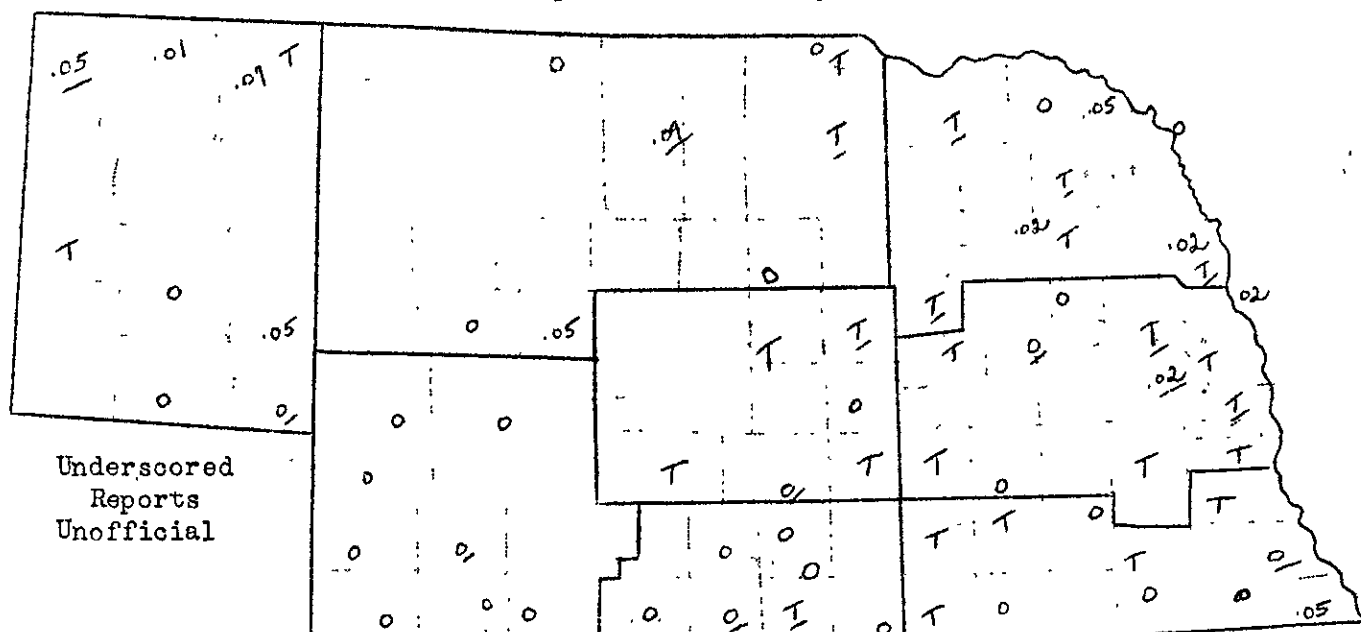
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 14, 1955

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island 0	Burwell 0	Chadron .16
Lincoln 0	North Platte 0	Imperial 0
Norfolk .02	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff 0
Omaha .02		Sidney 0
Sioux City 0		

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending March 11, 1955



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (High for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		March													
		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	50	32	65	28	67	45	54	30	61	21	62	41	48	28
	Scottsbluff	51	31	66	29	67	46	55	36	61	20	63	36	55	29
	Sidney	53	27	71	36	70	35	60	30	64	19	63	31	59	23
N-C	Burwell	48	32	..	28	..	..	..	26	..	..	58	..	..	..
	Valentine	47	34	63	30	65	45	58	28	65	30	53	41	48	33
NE	North Platte	45	35	69	29	67	43	66	29	67	32	53	34	64	35
	Sioux City	43	35	66	34	61	39	66	30	66	36	51	34	64	34
CIN.	Grand Island	51	33	70	33	68	42	70	28	70	29	57	38	66	34
E-C	Lincoln	49	36	71	38	69	43	75	32	68	34	60	39	66	46
	Omaha	42	32	67	38	65	41	70	30	62	34	55	34	62	42
SW	Imperial	54	24	74	28	72	38	66	27	71	23	63	32	68	26
	North Platte	51	26	73	27	71	35	64	28	70	22	57	41	61	31

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